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In re Application of)
N. Scott HIGDON et al.) Box Missing Parts
Serial No. 10/098,627) Attention:
Filed: March 18, 2002) Applications Branch
For: LASER INTERROGATION OF) June 10, 2002
SURFACE AGENTS)

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS

Box Missing Parts
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) dated April 11, 2002, response copy attached, a Declaration and Power of Attorney identifying the above-referenced application by Serial Number and Filing Date is being herewith submitted. Also attached is a check in payment of the following fees:

\$ 130.00 (surcharge under 37 C.F.R. 1.16(e))
740.00 (basic filing fee)
972.00 (additional claims fee)
\$1842.00 TOTAL

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment for the payment of the filing fee, any extra claims fees or the

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surcharge to deposit account number 02-2135. An additional copy of this letter is enclosed for that purpose.

The following document(s) is/are being submitted concurrently under separate cover:

- The formal drawing(s).
- Assignment, Form 1619 & \$40.00 Ck.

Respectfully submitted,

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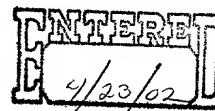
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)



01 FC:101	740.00 OP
02 FC:102	252.00 OP
03 FC:103	720.00 OP
04 FC:105	130.00 OP

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 740 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$972.
 - \$720 for 40 total claims over 20.
 - \$252 for 3 independent claims over 3.
- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 1842.**


The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);
 - Drawings must be reasonably free from erasures and must be free from alterations,

overwritings, interlineations, folds, and copy marks.

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.

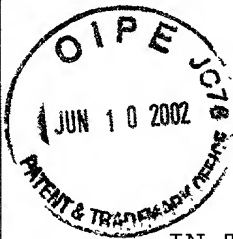


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SUBMISSION OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

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Dear Sir:

In response to a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated April 11, 2002 received in the above application, eight sheets of formal drawings are submitted herewith to be substituted for the informal drawings included with the application as filed.

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